

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	24 November 2000
Name of applicant/court:	The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	DVD World Ltd
Title of Publication:	The Patriot
Other Known Titles:	The Patriot – Special Edition
Director:	Roland Emmerich
Producers:	Dean Devlin, Mark Gordon, Gary Levinsohn
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	DVD
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined:

Menu:	Play Movie	Running time:	
	Audio Set-Up		
	Subtitles		
	Scene Selections		
	Special Features		
Feature:	The Patriot		164.15
Other Moving Components:	Columbia Tristar DVD Notice		0.16
	Main Menu Introduction		0.30
	How A Patriot Loses His Head		0.48
	Recruiting A Digital Army		1.10
	The Art Of War Featurette		9.45
	True Patriots Featurette		9.59
	The Creek		2.33
	The Aftermath		1.14
	Birth Of The Ghost/The Funeral		2.31
	The Butcher		1.49
	The Heart Of A Villian		2.54
	"Wait For My Order"		1.44
	Theatrical Trailers Menu Introduction		0.30
	The Patriot Theatrical Teaser		0.54
	The Patriot Theatrical Trailer		2.45
	Untitled (Swamp Ambush)		0.12
	Untitled (Battle)		0.15

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Untitled (City Panorama)	0.08
Untitled (Addressing Assembly)	0.09
Untitled (Swamp Hideout)	0.12
Untitled (Tavern)	0.11
Untitled (Ruined Building)	0.12
Untitled (Approaching City)	0.15
Untitled (Visting Grave)	0.11
Untitled (Soldiers In Forest)	0.09
Untitled (Town)	0.10
Untitled (Watching Battle)	0.12
Untitled (Busy Quay)	0.12

Total Running time: 206.05

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 15 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Depicts graphic and realistic war scenes.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 24 November 2000

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD entitled *The Patriot* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who attained the age of 15 years.

This DVD mainly contains the feature of the same title, originally examined as 35mm film and classified by the Office of Film and Literature Classification as objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 15 years. The decision was registered on 29 May 2000 (OFLC Ref. 866). The classification was particularly due to the manner in which the feature dealt with matters of violence in the context of the American War for Independence, 1776 -1781. The feature was considered to have significant social and cultural merit, and some value in relation to educational matters. The descriptive note 'Depicts graphic and realistic war scenes' was attached to the film.

The DVD contains a number of other moving image components, with a total additional running time of almost 42 minutes. These components are mainly contained in the 'Special Features' section of the main menu. These components include two featurettes about historical matters, two visual effects interactive featurettes showing some of the technical challenges and achievements of the feature, a 'teaser' and a 'trailer' for the feature intended for screening in cinemas, six deleted scenes, and 13 brief untitled scenes under the heading of 'conceptual art to film comparisons'. There are also still image 'photo galleries', and text 'talent files' giving biographic and professional information about cast and crew members. However, these additional components do not affect the classification given to the 35mm film.

OFLC Ref: 2007